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Problem and Solution Essay Grading Guidelines

1. **Task Completion & Format (6pts)**

* Word count (2pts)
* Ideas do not come from a questionable source (e.g., blog post) (2pts)
* Ideas in the essay do not mainly come from a single source (e.g., article) on the same topic (2pts)

1. **Content (16pts)**

* The intro paragraph begins with a general-to-specific text, a story, facts or statistics, a question or a quote. (2pts)
* The intro paragraph ends with an effective thesis statement that identifies two solutions. (2pts)
* The first body paragraph effectively/sufficiently describes a solution. (2pts)
* The first body paragraph effectively evaluates a solution. (2pts)
* The second body paragraph effectively/sufficiently describes a solution. (2pts)
* The second body paragraph effectively evaluates a solution. (2pts)
* The concluding paragraph begins with a restated thesis. (2pts)
* The concluding paragraph explains why one solution is the better than the other. (1pts)
* The concluding paragraph ends with a short final impression sentence. (1pt)

1. **Organization & Cohesion (2pts)**
   * Ideas are connected in an effective manner using transition signals. (1pt)
   * Pronouns are used effectively to link ideas. (1pt)
2. **Language (4pts)**

* Overall, language is clear and does not create confusion. (1pt)
* Grammar (1pt)
* Vocabulary and expressions (1pt)
* Language is appropriate for academic style of writing and essay genre. (1pt)

1. **Mechanics (4pts)**

* Spelling (1pt)
* Punctuation (1pt)
* Capitalization (1pt)
* Format (1pt)

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/30pts